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KC WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO MARIJUANA POSSESSION

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., woman pleaded guilty in federal court today for possession of marijuana.

Megashia C. Jackson, 28, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to being in possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute.

Jackson admitted that on Sept. 10, 2003, she was directed by another person to remove illegal narcotics from a residence at 9719 S. Oakley in Kansas City. Those narcotics, Graves said, were intended to be distributed at a later date. Law enforcement officers observed **Jackson** carry items out of the residence and place them next to or inside a gold Cadillac. **Jackson** was arrested, Graves said, and law enforcement officers recovered 888 grams of marijuana, more than a kilogram of cocaine and 1.27 grams of crack cocaine.

By pleading guilty, **Jackson** also agreed to forfeit to the government a 1994 Cadillac seized from **Jackson** at the time of her arrest on Sept. 10, 2003.

Under federal statutes, **Jackson** could be subject to a sentence of up to five years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. Her sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney W. Brent Powell. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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